

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1213, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN FEES; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1214, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN FEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1213, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1213. APPLICATIONS AND FEES. Applications for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern, shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The application shall be made under oath, and shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his engineering or land surveying experience. An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall furnish not less than five (5) references, of whom three (3) or more should be professional engineers or professional land surveyors, as applicable, having personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering or land surveying experience. An applicant for certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern shall furnish not less than three (3) references of whom at least one (1) should be a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, as applicable, having personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering or land surveying experience. Applications for certificates of authorization shall be made in accordance with section 54-1235, Idaho Code.

The maximum application fee for professional engineers or professional land surveyors seeking to be licensed by an eight (8) hour or longer examination shall ~~be an amount equal to the amount charged the board by the entity preparing and administering the examination, plus an administrative fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).~~ The ~~total~~ application fee shall accompany the application. The examination fee, which shall be separate from the application fee, shall be paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board.

The maximum application fee for an applicant who seeks a certificate as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern shall ~~be an amount equal to the amount charged the board by the entity preparing and administering the examination, plus an administrative fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).~~ The application fee shall accompany the application. The examination fee, which shall be separate from the application fee, shall be paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board.

The maximum application fee for business entities seeking a certificate of authorization shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The application fee shall accompany the application.

The amount of the license fee or certificate fee shall be fixed by the board prior to June 30th of any year and shall continue in force until changed.

1           Should the board deny the issuance of a certificate or license to any applicant, the  
2 application fee paid shall be retained as a processing fee.

3           SECTION 2. That Section 54-1214, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
4 read as follows:

5           54-1214. EXAMINATIONS. (1) Examinations will be held at such times and places as  
6 the board directs. The board shall determine the acceptable grade on examinations.

7           (2) Written examinations will be given in two (2) sections and may be taken only after  
8 the applicant has met the other minimum requirements as given in section 54-1212, Idaho  
9 Code, and has been approved by the board for admission to the examinations as follows:

10           (a) Fundamentals of Engineering – The examination consists of an eight (8) hour test  
11 on the fundamentals of engineering. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for  
12 an engineer intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements of certification  
13 required by this chapter.

14           (b) Principles and Practice of Engineering – The examination consists of a minimum  
15 of an eight (8) hour test on applied engineering. Passing this examination qualifies  
16 the examinee for licensure as a professional engineer, provided he has met the other  
17 requirements for licensure required by this chapter.

18           (c) Fundamentals of Surveying – The examination consists of an eight (8) hour test on  
19 the fundamentals of surveying. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for a land  
20 surveyor intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements for certification  
21 required by this chapter.

22           (d) Principles and Practice of Surveying – The examination consists of a minimum of an  
23 eight (8) hour test on applied surveying. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee  
24 for licensure as a professional land surveyor, provided he has met the other requirements  
25 for licensure required by this chapter.

26           (3) A candidate failing all or part of an examination for the first time may apply  
27 for reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of an application fee equal to  
28 the ~~total~~ application fee for the required examination plus a separate examination fee paid  
29 by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board. In the event of a second  
30 failure, the examinee shall be required to obtain a minimum of one (1) additional year of  
31 experience, acceptable to the board, from the date of the second examination failure, and  
32 submit evidence of having completed an additional eight (8) semester credits of college level  
33 academic education relating to the examination, before the board will consider that he has  
34 acquired the necessary additional knowledge to warrant assignment to a third examination.  
35 The separate application and examination fees shall be as set forth herein. In the event of  
36 a third or subsequent failure, the examinee shall be required to obtain a minimum of three  
37 (3) additional years of experience, acceptable to the board, from the date of the third or  
38 subsequent examination failure, and submit evidence of having completed an additional twelve  
39 (12) semester credits of college level academic education relating to the examination, before  
40 the board will consider that he has acquired the necessary additional knowledge to warrant  
41 assignment to a subsequent examination. The separate application and examination fees shall  
42 be as set forth herein.

43           (4) The board may prepare and adopt specifications for the written examinations in  
44 engineering and land surveying.